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## Divi IMPACT Foundation launched



President Carol Jansen unveils the new logo



Sharenda Clarinda rewards Yanel Olivero for his winning logo design

One of Aruba's largest employers, Divi Properties, with five resorts/timeshare facilities on Aruba, was proud to unveil an initiative by employees allowing the company to better serve the

community. "This idea came directly from the staff," commented Divi Properties General Manager in Aruba, Alex Nieuwmeyer, "and the company enthusiastically supports it 100%"

The new foundation is called Divi IMPACT, which stands for "Improving, Motivating and Providing for the Aruban Community Together." Their goal—"To inspire and motivate our company's leadership, owners, guests, business partners and employees to donate time, money and resources to help our community in creating a higher standard of living" and "To enhance the Divi Brand locally by creating educational assistance for employees and their children." Among those to benefit in their Vision and Mission statement are the elderly, disabled and financially vulnerable families.

The official documents registering the Divi IMPACT Foundation were signed on Thursday, September 2, and the following day the officers and organizing committee celebrated with the launching at The Learning Center at the Divi Links.

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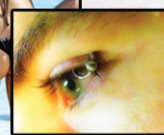
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## 'National tragedy' in Guatemala as landslides kill dozens

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala (AFP) - Guatemalan President Alvaro Colom declared a "national tragedy" yesterday after landslides killed at least 36 people and left rescuers digging in the mud for dozens still missing.

Colom declared a state of emergency as fears grew the eventual toll from scores of landslides across the country set off by weeks of torrential rain could be far higher.

"It's a national tragedy," Colom said as he visited a site where up to 40 people were feared to have been buried alive in a mudslide.

"This weekend alone we have seen damage comparable to what we experienced with Agatha," he said, referring to a tropical storm in May that killed 165 Guatemalans and left thousands homeless.

Officials said 40,000 people had lost their homes and another 11,686 had been evacuated.

"Top priority at present is



Rescue workers look for survivors at a mudslide area in Nahuala, western Guatemala

dealing with this emergency," Colom said as he toured the devastation and put the cost of the damage, in one of the poorest countries in the Americas, at up to 500 million dollars.

Rescuers yesterday dug nine bodies out of a 300-meter (1,000-foot) deep ravine off the main Pan-American Highway, west of the capital Guatemala City.

Fire service spokesman Cecilio Chacaj told AFP some 40 people had been buried in mud there even as they tried to help the occupants of five vehicles and a bus swept into the abyss by a previous landslide.

## Emotional ceremony for Chile miners as one month marked

COPIAPO, Chile (AFP) - In an emotional ceremony yesterday full of song, music and tears, relatives of 33 trapped workers marked one month since a cave-in at a Chilean mine entombed their loved ones deep underground.

Flags for the 32 Chileans and one Bolivian were placed in the ground, and at 1:45 pm, the estimated time when the San Jose mine collapsed on August 5, the crowd sounded flutes and horns and chanted upbeat songs.

Chile's Mines Minister Lau-

Ten people were killed in a separate incident on Saturday when a second bus on the main highway was buried near the town of Chimaltenango. Rescuers managed to unearth 20 survivors.

A landslide also buried a family of four inside their house in the western region of Quetzaltenango, while 13 more people were killed in separate incidents around the country.

In Nahuala municipality, rescuers in bright orange uniforms used shovels, hoes and their hands to unearth the corpses of victims.

rence Golborne presided over the ceremony, reading aloud the names of the workers. Relatives and friends shouted "Viva!" as each name was called.

Relatives spoke to the miners on Saturday using a special video link, for the first time able not only to hear their voices but also to see their faces.

But far from providing relief, some relatives said those conversations only made them more fretful about the emotional and mental state of their loved ones.

## Ecuador arrests human-trafficker linked to migrant massacre

QUITO, Ecuador (AFP) - Ecuadoran police said yesterday they have arrested a suspected human smuggler with alleged links to the Ecuadoran man who survived a massacre of 72 migrants last month in Mexico.

The man was apprehended Friday night at his home in the town of Biblian, 300 km (186 miles) south of the capital Quito, authorities said.

At the suspect's house, police found evidence, including money orders, allegedly linking him to the smuggling of a Honduran woman and other migrants, including Ecuadoran massacre survivor Luis Freddy Lala Pomavilla.

The 18-year-old was returned to Ecuador after being shot in the face during the massacre on a ranch in the Mexican border state of Tamaulipas.

## Cuban blogger Sanchez calls media prize a 'shield'

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) - Cuban blogger Yoani Sanchez said winning the media watchdog IPI prize of World Press Freedom Hero is a "protective shield" that will help her break "the wall of censorship," she told AFP yesterday.

"For someone who three years ago started opening cracks in the walls of censorship, my first feeling is that of enormous gratification," Sanchez said of the award she was given Friday.

The recognition from the Vienna-based International Press Institute, which hailed her defiance of press restrictions and commitment to free speech, is "also a shield to keep daring" to put out news from the closeted Communist isle.

Sanchez began her blog Generation Y, which now counts over one million rea-

He survived by playing dead and later pointed the finger at the ruthless Zetas drug gang.

The Ecuadoran teenager told police the group had been kidnapped and killed by members of the armed gang, which is heavily involved in the drug trade and organized crime and known for extorting migrants.

Seventy-two bodies were found late last month after Mexican marines engaged the kidnapers in a fire fight at the ranch.

Most of the 58 men and 14 women killed were migrants from Honduras, El Salvador, Ecuador and Brazil seeking better lives in the United States.

The killings highlighted the horrific risks taken by hundreds of thousands of migrants seeking to reach the United States each year.

ders, in 2007. However, access to the site was banned in Cuba in 2008.

To bypass this, Sanchez, who celebrated her 35th birthday Saturday, emails her comments to friends abroad who post her notes on the Internet.

In 2008, Time Magazine in the United States named her one of the 100 most influential people. The following year, her blog was listed as one of the 25 best blogs of the year by the magazine.

The future of Cuba is "where the power of the Internet can be used to promote freedom of expression," Sanchez told AFP, adding that the IPI prize was an additional "incentive" to keep going.

"Gradually the circle of censorship is in the process of breaking down. I am very happy. I will continue," she said.

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## Professor Jaime Saleh to be guest speaker at Annual KvK Business Dinner



**Professor Jaime Saleh**

The Aruba Chamber of Commerce and Industry was proud to announce that Professor Jaime Saleh will be the guest speaker of their upcoming 17th Annual Business Dinner Meeting on Friday, October 22, at the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino. The theme of the evening will be "The challenging role for Aruba in promoting sustainable cooperation and cohesion between the partners in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, particularly with a view to the new constitutional changes."

The dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles, scheduled for the 10th of October of this year, is in sight. The KvK has invited former Netherlands Antilles Governor, Prof. Mr. Jaime Saleh, who has specialized in Constitutional Kingdom Law to share his views on this matter with the Aruban business community.

Prof. Saleh was born on Bonaire and attended law school at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. After completing his studies he became a Public Prosecu-

tor in the Netherlands. He was appointed Public Prosecutor for the Netherlands Antilles in 1968 and from 1971 to 1974 he practiced law in the private sector. He was appointed Judge in the Court of Justice of the Netherlands Antilles in 1974 and served as President of the Common Court of Justice of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba from 1979 to 1990.

Mr Saleh served as Governor-General of the Netherlands Antilles from 1990 to 2002. He is still quite active in social and state affairs and was named an honorary Minister of State of the Netherlands Antilles in 2004. He was appointed visiting Professor in Constitutional Kingdom Law at the University of Utrecht, Holland in 2005. He also serves on a number of boards of important financial institutions of the regions and dedicates his spare time to organizations of social and historical significance.

Dr. Saleh is a patron of the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance, dedicated to "waking the consciousness of regional administrators and our people to the importance of the protection of nature on our islands." He has been awarded decorations from the royal family naming him a Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion and Commander in the Order of the House of Orange.

Tickets for the dinner cost 175 Aruban Florins per person (\$100) and can be purchased at the KvK headquarters on J. Irausquin Boulevard. To reserve, contact the KvK Secretary at telephone 582-1120 ext 41 or via e-mail [secretariat@arubachamber.com](mailto:secretariat@arubachamber.com).

by *Rosalie Klein*

## FDA traspases AWG 1,500,000 to Cede Aruba

Recently, an agreement was signed between the NGO sector and Centro pa Desaroyo Aruba (CEDE) foundation on the transfer of the 2010 funds for the amount of AWG 1,500,000.

CEDE Aruba is a foundation which finances projects of NGOs (non-governmental organizations). CEDE Aruba operates in the areas of Welfare, Public Education and Public Recreation.

The foundation exists for 30 years already and receives its funding from the government of Aruba and the Netherlands, through the FDA, Fondo Desaroyo Aruba, funds for the development of Aruba. Its mission is: to contribute to sustainable social and cultural development of Aruba. At present there are more than 150 organizations on Aruba that offer their contribution to the welfare of the island

CEDE Aruba co-finances, meaning the petitioner must also contribute for the realization of a project. The amount of contribution varies, depending on the size of the project.

In 2009 alone CEDE Aruba co-financed 80 projects.

### Different financed project

There are different types of projects which falls in the bracket for co-financing:

- Projects of material character: renovation or maintenance of buildings, bleacher or other public facilities on a sports field, means of transportation, etc. For the first half of 2010, CEDE co-financed 4 projects of his type, among them, the beautifying of De Vuyst neighborhood, hygiene facilities at Serenity Park and the expansion of Atelier '89

- Projects that focuss on a contents, i.e. training courses for employees in the social sector, or course for a



NGO board director in his own field. The first half of 2010 CEDE Aruba co-financed Jreh Foundation, Aruba Emergency Services, Don Bosco Noord foundation, and Telefoon pa Hubentud, the youth helpline, with training courses for volunteers and group leaders.

- Projects stimulating the social process. In 2010 the foundation co-financed projects like the Community Commissions which promotes interactions among neighborhood citizens (Cura Cabai Zuid, Village, Juana Morto, Pos Chiquito, Sabana Basora), neighborhood centers that facilitate activities (Playa Pabou, Youth Commission Dakota, Club Don Bosco, Noord Youth Club) and others.

Services that CEDE provides are among others, evaluation, advice, inter-mediation, financing, and assistance to different organizations that meet the requirements for financial help from, i.e. Oranje Fonds, to execute their project. CEDE Aruba is financed thru the FDA.

The signing of the agreement took place at the Government Office. The contract was signed by Minister of Finance, Communication, Energie and Utilities, Mr. Mike de Meza, Aruba representative for FDA projectson Aruba and Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture, Mrs.

Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar (minister in charge of NGO's) and President of FDA Board of Directors Mr. E.A. Roos

Signing for CEDE Aruba were by FDA Board Director Mrs. I.J.C. Lasten and Treasurer Mrs. G. Arends. Present were CEDE Aruba director, personnel of FDA and AIB Bank N.V.

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## In celebration of JetBlue's 10th anniversary CEO Mr. Dave Barger visits Aruba



Aruba Airport Authority (AAA) N.V. was delighted to welcome JetBlue's CEO Dave Barger. Mr. Barger's visit was to mark the company's 10th anniversary. Upon his arrival Mr. Barger was greeted by AAA management team and JetBlue crew, where they surprised Mr. Barger by wearing a T-shirt with the word congratulations printed on it, especially made for the occasion and the fact that JetBlue is currently Aruba's 2nd largest carrier by transporting 12% of Aruba's passenger share from the USA to Aruba.

Mr. Barger also held a meeting with the local JetBlue crew in the airport's VIP-Room which was especially

decorated for the occasion.

JetBlue Airways started operations on February 11, 2000, with service to Buffalo and Ft. Lauderdale. Six years and many successful routes later, JetBlue launched daily service to Aruba on September 15, 2006. In June 30, 2007, the company launched non-stop services from Boston to Aruba. A few short weeks from marking its 4th anniversary in Aruba, JetBlue has grown to double daily service from JFK during most of the year.

AAA congratulates JetBlue with their 10 year anniversary and look forward to the continuation of a strong and successful relationship.



## Jamanota



The panorama from Jamanota shows the curve of the world small

I had not been to the top of Jamanota for a while, but a recent tour reminded me how interesting it is at the peak of Aruba's highest point. Many think that Ceru Hooiberg, or Haystack Mountain is the highest point of Aruba because it is so noticeable, out there all by itself, but actually it is Jamanota, at 188 meters, (620 ft.) Hooiberg comes in third after Ceru Arikok.

Jamanota is an Indian name, from those who lived on the island long ago. It is a full fledged mountain, more than twice as high as is required to earn the designation, though it certainly does not nearly match what you will see in the Rockies or on the northeast U.S., or the high mountains in South America.

Still, it is a very worthwhile to visit the top of Jamanota, and there is a paved road allowing easy access. It is located within the Arikok National Park, and gives the best panoramic view of all Aruba and the surrounding area. You can actually see the curve of the world from the



Robert Koester admires the panoramic view from Jamanota

top, and if it wasn't for the communications station there, you would have a full 360 degree vista of Aruba.

On a clear day you can easily see Mount Santa Ana, the second highest point of the Paraguana Peninsula of Venezuela, which is only 27 km south of Aruba. Geologists say it was once an island just like us, its neighbors to the north, but it is now connected

to the mainland by a flat neck of land about 25 km long and only 4 km wide. It has earned the name "The Peninsula of Winds" because it is very breezy there, just like Aruba.

I would say if you want beautiful panoramas of the Aruba's desert and distant coastline from every direction, Jamanota is definitely the place to go!

**EDITORS NOTE:** "Ban Keiro" is Papiamentu for "let's go tripping in the mondi!" Madi conducts her tours seven days a week in a single range rover type all-terrain vehicle. She takes a max of nine passengers, and offers trips to the Natural Pool and other areas of Aruba that can only be reached with a sturdy 4x4 and, most importantly, a knowledgeable guide who know their way. She congenially shares her anecdotes and vast inventory of island factoids.

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## Divi IMPACT Foundation launched

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All employees participating in the logo contest



Impact Board and representatives committee

Alex Nieuwmeier and Divi Impact President Carol Jansen unveiled the foundation's new logo designed by Divi employee Yanel Olivero from Accounting. A company-wide contest was conducted to devise a logo that captured the essence of the resort company paired with the foundation's goal and many of the original and eye-catching 18 entries from 13

employees were on display. All those that dedicated their creativity to the contest were rewarded with gifts from the company, and Yanel received a weekend stay for two and dinner for four at Windows on Aruba for his winning efforts.

Divi Impact Board consists of President Carol Jansen - Assistant General Manager of Divi & Dutch

Village; Vice President Ana Arends - Guest Relations Manager; Secretary Sharenda Clarinda - HR Coordinator; and Treasurer Maria Esguerra - Director of Human Resources for Divi Properties.

The Representatives Committee, with a delegate from each Divi Properties facility includes: Francis Ridderstap, Lillian Maduro, Erik van den Hengel, Camala Peterson,

and Drucilla Fijnje. Tabitha Fecunda is in charge of P/R.

Divi Properties on Aruba is 1,000 employees strong; they now have 246 signed up to be part of the volunteer corps, which also includes having a designated amount deducted from their salaries to fund various projects and donations.

Alex Nieuwmeier announced the company will

match the deductions, which will enable the foundation to truly affect the community in a positive manner. Projects with priority include a scholarship fund, incentives for schools, a Divi in-house help center for employees, and programs of social relevance for Aruba's various neighborhoods.

by Rosalie Klein

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## Science/Tech

# French science vessel sails again on climate voyage

CAPE TOWN (AFP) — The French yacht Tara left on Sunday on the second leg of a three-year expedition across the world's oceans to chart the effects of climate change on micro-organisms that produce half our oxygen.

The 36-metre (118-foot) schooner sailed from Cape Town a year after leaving Lorient in western France to head across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans for New Zealand next August as part of a 150,000-kilometre (93,750-mile) journey.

"We are going to Ascension Island -- we'll be there in one month and then in Rio in the middle of October," said captain Olivier Marien shortly ahead of the yacht's departure.

"We have a busy schedule on the way so we will make several stops. Tomorrow will be the first sampling off the South African waters."

The plankton-studying boat will then sail to Argentina and further south to Antarctica.

The crew are collecting samples which are frozen on-board and sent to laboratories every month to map out a baseline for future climate studies.

"We know now that the planet is changing, and the ocean is changing, and we expect much from the ocean to counterbalance what the humans are doing on the planet," Philippe Koubbi, the chief scientist on board told AFP.

"We know that some of the tiny plankton are threatened ... and we know that tiny animals or these tiny plants are very very important in controlling the balance in the



The schooner Tara ocean."

A bio-bank is being created from the research, ranging from viruses and bacteria to fish larvae, and more than 100 scientists are involved in the project.

Plankton ecosystems are little known but the microorganisms absorb half of the world's carbon production and produce as much oxygen as forests.

"This is really what this expedition is really about -- is really to look at this plank-

tonic life which is really in the open ocean, really controlling everything," said Koubbi.

A 13-person team will leave Cape Town, where the yacht spent time in dry-dock, with early spring making weather the main challenge and not threats such as sea pirates which were the main concern in the first leg.

The return to ice will be familiar territory for the 1989-built vessel -- now on its eighth scientific voyage -- which was previously named Antarctica and ended a 507-day Arctic trip in 2008.

Next year Tara will also sail via Chile, Easter Island, the Galapagos Islands, the Clipperton Islands, the Marquesas Islands and Papeete.

The first leg crossed the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Red Sea, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean.

The project's sponsors include the fashion house Agnes B. and global news agency Agence France-Presse (AFP) is a media partner.

The boat was previously owned by New Zealand yachtsman Sir Peter Blake who was murdered during a scientific expedition in the Amazon river in 2001.

## Google to Simplify Privacy Policy

Google recently announced that it will be streamlining its privacy policy, effective Oct. 3. The search engine giant is not making any material changes to its policy, but is removing redundant sections, and launching a new privacy tools page.

"Long, complicated and lawyerly—that's what most people think about privacy policies, and for good reason," Mike Yang, associate general

counsel at Google, wrote in a blog post. "So we're simplifying and updating Google's privacy policies."

Google will also add more content to some of its help centers so users can more easily find privacy-related information. It will also add a new privacy tools page Google Privacy Center so that their most popular privacy tools are all in one place.

**HEALTH - LIVING**

# Coffee May Combat High Blood Pressure

*Chemicals in Coffee Appear to Combat Blood Vessel Aging, Researchers Say*

Older people with high blood pressure who drink one to two cups of coffee a day have more elastic blood vessels than people who drink less or more, Greek researchers report.

As we age, our blood vessels get stiffer, and that's thought to increase the risk of high blood pressure. The new findings suggest moderate coffee drinking may counteract this process.

Previous research has shown conflicting results as to whether coffee is good or bad for the heart.

The new study involved 485 men and women, aged 65 to 100, who live on a small island called Ikaria, in the Aegean Sea, where more than a third of people live to celebrate their 90th birthday.

"We were aiming to evaluate the secrets of the long-livers of Ikaria," says study head Christina Chrysohoou, BSc, of the University of Athens.

**Coffee Improves Blood Vessel Elasticity**

Participants, all of whom had high blood pressure, underwent imaging scans to measure the stiffness of their blood vessels.

Of the total, 33% of participants drank no coffee or less than one cup of coffee a day, 56% drank one to two cups, and 11% drank three or more cups a day.



People who drank one to two cups of coffee a day had about a 25% greater elasticity in their major blood vessels than people who drank less coffee or none at all.

Their blood vessel elasticity was about five times greater than people who drank three or more cups a day.

The analysis took into account factors that can affect blood vessel aging -- age, gender, smoking, education, physical activity, body weight, blood pressure, nutritional habits, and diabetes.

The study also showed that people who drank one to two cups of coffee a day were less likely to have diabetes, high cholesterol, cardiovas-

cular disease, or to be overweight, compared to people who drank more coffee or less coffee, Chrysohoou says.

Most of the men and women drank traditional Greek coffee in small, espresso-sized cups.

Greek coffee is considerably stronger, with more caffeine, than espresso, Chrysohoou said.

She credits compounds, including flavonoids, magnesium, potassium, niacin, and vitamin E, for combating blood vessel aging by blocking the damaging oxidation process and reducing harmful inflammation.

Oxidation reactions can produce free radicals. This, in turn, can start chain reactions that damage cells.

"We recommend hypertensive patients drink coffee in moderation, just one to two cups a day, as it seems that it may improve arterial aging," Chrysohoou says.

American Heart Association spokesman Ray Gibbons, is skeptical of the results.

"I'm concerned whether this finding could be reproduced," he says.

Other factors in the Greek lifestyle, such as the heart-healthy Mediterranean diet, could explain the results, Gibbons says.

## Cholera outbreak 'covered up' in China

BEIJING (AFP) – Authorities in eastern China covered up an outbreak of cholera for 12 days out of fears that publicising the often fatal disease would shock the local population, state press said Sunday.

According to the website of the Anhui province health department, 38 people have contracted cholera since August 16 and the outbreak was under preliminary control with the numbers of cases diminishing.

Five patients remain hospitalised, it said.

Cholera causes serious diarrhoea and vomiting, leading to dehydration, and can be fatal if not treated quickly. It normally breaks out in impoverished regions with poor sanitation.

Although health authori-

ties have not reported any deaths, Internet chatrooms were abuzz with rumours that several people have died from the disease.

At the same time state media criticised the government for covering up the epidemic and refusing to alert the local population.

### Tip: Breast-Feeding Benefits Baby

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## Relief from emotional distress

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Individuals with borderline personality disorder experience intense emotions and often show a deficiency of emotion regulation skills. This group of people also displays high prevalence rates of self-injurious behaviour, which may help them to reduce negative emotional states.

Niedtfield and colleagues studied the effects of emotional stimuli and a thermal stimulus in people either with or without borderline personality disorder. They conducted an imaging study using picture stimuli to induce negative, positive, or neutral affect and thermal stimuli to induce heat pain or warmth perception. The painful heat stimuli were administered at an individually-set temperature threshold for each subject.

**Borderline personality disorder**

In patients with borderline personality disorder, they found evidence of heightened activation of limbic circuitry in response to pictures evocative of positive and negative emotions, consistent with their reported emotion regulation problems. Amygdala activation also correlated with self-reported deficits in emotion regulation.

However, the thermal stimuli inhibited the activation of the amygdala in these patients and also in healthy controls, presumably suppressing emotional reactivity.

Dr John Krystal, editor of Biological Psychiatry, commented, "These data are consistent with the hypothesis that physically painful stimuli provide some relief from emotional distress for some patients with borderline personality disorder because they paradoxically inhibit brain regions involved in emotion. This process may help them to compensate for deficient emotional regulation mechanisms."

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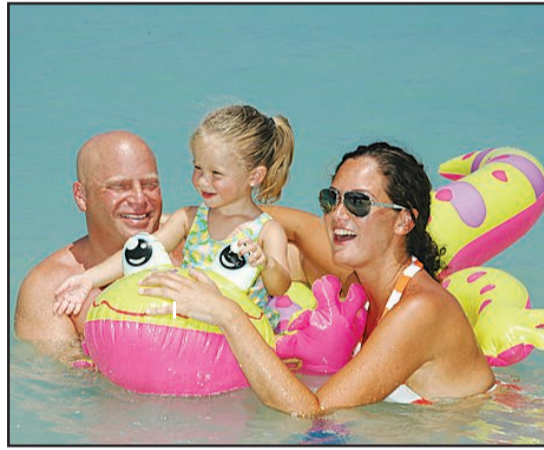


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More than just shopping



# A treasure of a memory for the 50th Anniversary of Marge and Arthur Cox



Besides being the family's "home away from home" vacation place for the last 16 years, the Hyatt was the background for the yearly photo session by photographer, Diane Keijzer, by now an honorary member of the family. Nicole and Keith were with daughter Brooke, and this year there is a new

baby for Deborah and Eddie, Madison's new sister named Morgan. But this year's holiday is very special as it is the 50th Anniversary for the parents Marge and Arthur Cox. The first part of the photo session started out on the beach in the morning for some relaxed fun

photos, and they met again later in the afternoon for dress up family photos like they do every year. But, this time when it got close to sunset, Diane's photographer husband showed up, took over the camera, gave Diane (an ordained Minister since 2003) her wedding ceremony book and shawl, and to the great surprise of the parents, all partook in an emotional 50 year renewal of vows as the sun kissed the horizon. This wonderful day in paradise ended with another surprise which was a celebration family dinner at "Footprints" under the palapa. Congratulations Family Cox! See you all again next year.

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## SAMBA receives a donation from La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club



The Recreation Department of La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club organized its annual community project, which was spearheaded by Pool & Beach Attendant Sandy Ras. SAMBA the local rehabilitation facility was picked as the recipient of this year's donation and all resort departments were asked to creatively lend their support to the project. Clothes, hygiene products, sheets, bedspreads and pillows were collected and delivered to SAMBA last Monday to the hands of Mr. Cellaire, at the helm of the institution. The gesture, served to demonstrate the resort's appre-

ciation of the not-for-profit Stichting Alcohol Misbruik Bestrijding Aruba, and its efforts to combat the disease of alcoholism, thus contributing to a healthier society. Founded in 1955, SAMBA's mission is to help those suffering from alcohol and drug addiction, the facility serves as the local rehabilitation center, and deserves the community's gratitude for its hard work and dedication. According to Greta de Cuba, Recreation Manager, La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club Mr. Cellaire stated that the useful items will be highly appreciated by the residents of SAMBA.

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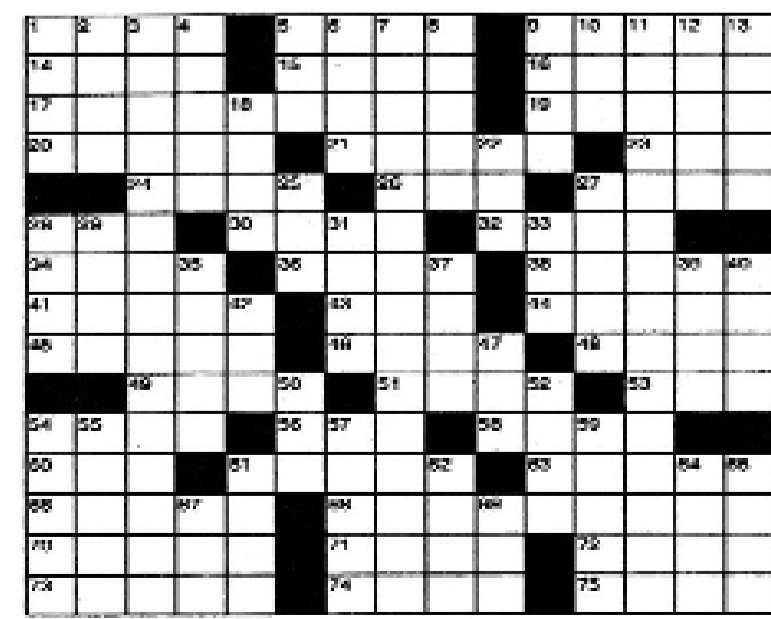
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**Comissioner: EU deal to curb speculative trading close**

CERNOBBIO, Italy (AFP) – Brussels should be able to reach agreement on how to regulate speculative hedge funds in the coming weeks, European commissioner Michel Barnier said Saturday. "We are in the home straight," Internal Markets Commissioner Barnier told reporters at an economic forum in Cernobbio, northern Italy. "I am hopeful that in the

coming weeks we will get an agreement on this regulation of hedge funds and private equity, which on certain days account for half the trading on the markets," he added. He hoped that the European Parliament and the European Council, which comprises the leaders of member states and the top European Commission officials, would be able to finish the job after a breakthrough

**With busted well dead, BP and partners face multiple probes**

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AFP) - With a key piece of evidence raised from the depths of the Gulf of Mexico and BP's Macondo well ruled a threat no longer, the focus is shifting back to what went wrong and who is to blame.

Workers have retrieved the failed blowout preventer from BP's Macondo oil well, giving US investigators a key piece of evidence as they probe the reasons behind the biggest ever maritime spill.

The raising of the giant safety valve from the depths of the Gulf of Mexico will allow experts to study the device to determine why it crucially failed to shut off the well when BP's Deepwater Horizon rig exploded on April 20.

The US official overseeing the spill response said Saturday the busted well, which gushed millions of barrels of toxic crude during a months-long leak, "does not constitute a threat to the Gulf of Mexico at this point."

The assessment, nearly seven weeks after the flow of oil was first stanchied, will bring relief to a region that watched with despair and frustration as an estimated 4.9 million barrels of crude leaked into the ocean.

But the reckoning for the firms involved in the catas-

trophe is only just beginning, as devastated communities seek compensation and the US government probes who was responsible.

The leak began with an April 20 explosion that ripped through the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig, killing 11 workers. The platform sank two days later, and by April 24, the Coast Guard confirmed crude was leaking into the sea.

The extent of the disaster would not be understood for months, when estimates of the leak's size were finally raised from initial figures of 1,000-5,000 barrels a day to between 35,000 and 60,000 barrels.

The flow rate is among the aspects of the disaster being examined in public hearings, court cases, congressional inquiries and a criminal investigation being carried out by the US Department of Justice.

BP is a prime target for the investigations, which are also probing the roles of other firms, including Halliburton, which cemented the well; Transocean, which leased the rig to BP; and Cameron International, which supplied the blow-out preventer, the valve that should have sealed the well after the explosion.

The device has now been

raised from the leak site, some 5,000 feet below the sea surface, and will be the subject of a fifth hearing next month before a joint investigation board appointed by the US Homeland Security and Interior Departments.

The panel is expected to produce a final report in January 2011. It cannot charge individuals or firms, but can refer any allegations of criminal conduct to the Justice Department, which is already conducting its own criminal probe.

Attorney General Eric Holder said the department would examine "a wide range of things from false statements to the way certain entities have conducted themselves."

The inquiry will also examine potential violations of multiple environmental regulations, including the Clean Water Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The spill washed up in all five Gulf states -- Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Louisiana was particularly hard-hit, with thick crude clogging its fragile wetland ecosystems.

Environmental groups are among those who have already filed lawsuits against BP and other firms implicated in the disaster.

**Booming China auto industry faces over-capacity**

BEIJING, China (AFP) – China should end preferential policies for automotive companies in order to curb over-capacity in an industry where sales jumped 55 percent in August, a government official said.

Chen Bin, a top official at China's economic planning agency, said booming auto

sales were leading to blind investment in the industry, which could result in annual production capacity of over 31 million units by 2015.

"Serious overproduction capacity will lead to negative market competitiveness a loss in enterprise efficiency, factory stoppages and other problems," Chen said at an automotive symposium on the weekend.

"Judging from our understanding of the situation as reported by local governments and related departments, production capacity will far outstrip market demand for the coming period (ending in 2015)," he said in a report on the website of the National Development Reform Commission.

Last year, China became the world's largest auto market when over 13.6 million vehicles were sold.

Sales have boomed this year, jumping 55.7 percent in August year-on-year, as the

government rolled out a new subsidy scheme for energy-saving vehicles.

In order to curb overcapacity, local governments should stop pushing manufacturers to increase production and end preferential tax and land policies aimed at spurring production, Chen said.

He said the industry's penchant for using preferential energy-saving policies to ramp up production of traditional automotive products should also be curbed.

China announced a trial program in June to subsidise environmentally-friendly vehicles in five cities as part of efforts to reduce emissions, save energy and spur the development of green technology.

Under the trial project, the government offers subsidies of up to 60,000 yuan (8,850 dollars) for hybrid and electric cars and 3,000 yuan for fuel-saving models.

# Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on



Aruba, and took from there." Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a



year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures

is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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A team from THE MORNING NEWS went to take a look, and we were very impressed with the prices offered on Mallorca Pearls- "the affordable treasure" which have a luster and luminosity that

make them a perfect gift at the right price.

We were also taken with an entire showcase full of a personal favorite, Australian opal jewelry; the fiery blue stones have a texture and drama that imparts a singular beauty. We noticed Larry had a very large selection of animal themed pieces, adorable and appealing.

Sales girls were particularly enthusiastic about the Lauren G. Adams designs; beautiful cloisonné charms, necklaces, bracelets and rings that are infinitely affordable.

Gentleman, show the woman you love she has a lock on your heart with their inlaid and sculpted key pendant collection, or construct a custom made charm bracelet both eye-catching and whimsical. Color coordinated collections and reasonable prices allow one to create an entire ensemble. The charming jewelry makes very nice accessories for today's fashionable black dress, adding an individual tropical touch to the somber color that is presently required evening wear.

Larry's has a large selection and great deals, so if you are shopping for that special person or yourself, their collection is definitely worth a look.

## Adventures in fine dining with Dennis & Glen Carte Blanche opens its doors today at the Old Mill



Lovers of fine dining and unique culinary experiences will heartily welcome an innovative addition to Aruban nightlife: Carte Blanche Café, conveniently located just a short stroll from all the major Palm Beach resorts.

tions for a single sitting. Patrons soon become friends as they are gathered around the bar watching Dennis and Glen work their magic with food and the finest spirits; their ebullience and enthusiasm for their art infuses the

atmosphere of the evening.

Carte Blanche does not offer a set menu; however, Dennis is very flexible in his desire to please his clientele. "If someone is not in the mood for a particular item I am preparing, they only need let me know and I will offer alternatives," he explains. "I am prepared to accommodate those with special dietary needs such as no sugar, low cholesterol or gluten-free, or if they have very particular tastes." If you have a hankering for lobster or rack of lamb, just call ahead and inform Glen when making your reservation; this does not affect the prix fixe price of your five-course dinner, but they do require advance knowledge.

An evening at Carte Blanche begins with a welcome drink and "amuse-bouche" (a small snack to tantalize the taste buds) upon arrival, so you can relax on the outdoor terrace and enjoy the sunset in anticipation. Dennis and Glen share their experiences and love of fine food and drink while preparing the meal or an exotic Dutch Chocolate Martini-Glen's own creation, among others. Dennis is a chef schooled in classic fine French cuisine and his attention to detail and creativity are noteworthy; he maintains pots of live herb plants next to the stove, which he sprinkles into the sauté pan for remarkable results.

Carte Blanche serves dinner six nights a week, Tuesday through Sunday and will be closed on Mondays after today's official opening. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. to relax and enjoy your welcome drink, they start serving dinner between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., making allowance for late arrivals. Guests are welcome to linger until the final crumb is consumed.

Dennis is an artist not only in the kitchen; his paintings, along with those of regionally renowned artists decorate the walls and are offered for sale. An evening at Carte Blanche is a feast for all the senses, where food, art and good company combine for a singular dining experience.

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## Jennifer Lopez on Verge of 'American Idol' Deal



After some major back and forth about whether or not Jennifer Lopez was really in the running to become the newest judge on American Idol it looks like the our favorite chica from the block is on the brink of inking a deal.

Reportedly, rumors of the diva's overwhelming demands were false, said a source, insisting, "It's been

typical negotiating."

Jenny could be joining the tenth season of television's highest rated show alongside Aerosmith frontman, Steven Tyler, who is rumored to have signed a contract already. Lopez and Tyler are being courted to replace the snarky Simon Cowell, who is leaving to be a judge on the American version of his hit U.K. talent show The X Factor, which will start airing stateside in the fall of 2011. Ellen DeGeneres also stepped down from her judging duties on American Idol, saying the show "didn't feel like the right fit."

Fox execs have been looking for a way to shake the show up and we have to say, hiring Jennifer Lopez will definitely get us to watch!

## Donkey Sanctuary Aruba with baby naming contest

On Monday, August 30th Surfi gave birth to a baby boy. The baby is very small, only 69 cm (31 inches) from hoof to withers. The baby is very affectionate and loves the attention of all the volunteers.

The Sanctuary is running a contest to name the new baby. The winning name will be announced on Animal Day, Monday, October 4th.

The entry fee is \$5.00 which can be paid in person at the Donkey Sanctuary in Sta. Lucia or by PayPal on the Sanctuary's website, [www.arubandonkey.org](http://www.arubandonkey.org). We ask that no people names be suggested.

We will need your name, e-mail address and phone number (in Aruba only) with your choice of name for the baby. The winner will receive a small original painting by Desiree Eldering.

Come visit the baby at the Sanctuary in Sta. Lucia. Sanctuary hours are: Monday through Friday from 9a.m. to 4p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3p.m.

If you have any questions please contact Desiree Eldering at 593-2933



The new baby

# Ryder high as Jimenez takes European Masters



Jimenez hugs his trophy after winning the European Masters

CRANS MONTANA (AFP) - Miguel Angel Jimenez won the European Masters title on Sunday to become the fifth member of Europe's Ryder Cup team to clinch a title in the last month.

The 46-year-old Spaniard defeated Ryder Cup teammate Edoardo Molinari by three shots, overcoming a late scare when the Italian slashed his lead from six to one stroke over the last seven holes.

However, Molinari's challenge fizzled out with a bogey at the 16th while

Jimenez closed with par-birdie-par to seal his 18th career title, 11 of which have come since he turned 40.

His win follows morale-boosting wins for Ryder Cup teammates Ross Fisher at the Irish Open, Martin Kaymer in the US PGA Championship, Peter Hanson at the Czech Open and Molinari in last week's Johnnie Walker Championship at Gleneagles.

Jimenez finished with a four under par 67 and 21 under total of 263 for his third title of the season.

## Pakistan well beaten by England

CARDIFF (AFP) - Pakistan's latest match in their controversial tour of Britain ended in a five-wicket Twenty20 defeat by world champions England at Sophia Gardens here on Sunday.

England, set a seemingly modest 127 for victory, collapsed to 62 for five.

But left-handers Eoin Morgan (38 not out) and Michael Yardy (35 not out) saw England to 129 for five with an unbroken partnership of 67 as they won with 17 balls to spare.

Victory, in their first match

in this format since they beat Australia in the World Twenty20 final in Barbados in May, put England 1-0 up in this two-match series ahead of the second match here on Tuesday.

This was Pakistan's first fixture since Test captain Salman Butt and bowlers Mohammad Aamer and Mohammad Asif were suspended by the International Cricket Council after newspaper allegations the trio were involved in a betting scam that saw no-balls deliberately bowled in last week's fourth Test at Lord's.

## Milner hoping Rooney ready for Swiss

LONDON (AFP) - England's James Milner voiced his support for Wayne Rooney Sunday after lurid reports about the striker's private life cast a shadow over preparations for the team's Euro 2012 clash with Switzerland.

After being showered with praise for his starring role in Friday's 4-0 Group G rout of Bulgaria, Manchester United icon Rooney awoke on Sunday to find himself plastered over the tabloid press for all the wrong reasons.

The News of the World and Sunday Mirror both carried reports that Rooney had repeatedly frequented a prostitute while wife Coleen was pregnant with their son, prompting speculation about his participation in Tuesday's key game.

FA sources have indicated no decision has been taken concerning Rooney's place in the squad but was expected to travel to Basel as planned on Monday.

Rooney is an integral part of England coach Fabio Capello's team, even though it is now 11 matches since he last scored for his country.

## Ballack is part of my plans, says Germany's Loew

BERLIN (AFP) - Germany coach Joachim Loew said Sunday he still has captain Michael Ballack in his plans for the national side, despite dropping the midfielder for the opening Euro 2012 qualifiers.

The 33-year-old missed Friday's 1-0 win over Belgium in Brussels and will not be in the side for Tuesday's qualifier against Azerbaijan in Cologne as he works his way back to fitness after an ankle injury.

In his absence, Real Madrid's Sami Khedira has taken Ballack's midfield place, but Loew insists he still has the former Chelsea star in his planning.

"I hope the team continues to grow, and that certainly includes Michael," Loew told German daily Bild on Sunday.

Last Wednesday, Loew confirmed Leverkusen's Ballack will regain the captaincy from Philipp Lahm when he returns.



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## Slovenia, Turkey enjoy Sunday stroll

ISTANBUL (AFP) - Slovenia and Turkey routed their opponents in the round of 16 on Sunday to set up a quarter-final encounter at the world basketball championships.

Australia were completely out-muscled by Slovenia who won with ease 87-58 while Turkey cruised to a 95-77 win over France.

Australia started slowly and would never completely recover, failing to score a point in the first six and a half minutes and shooting at just 22 percent from the field for the first half.

The Australian shooting was much more accurate early in the second half as they looked to spark a revival.

Unfortunately for them, Slovenia also lifted their shooting accuracy.

"We got outplayed in the first quarter and struggled to get back in - there was too much pressure on the inexperienced guys," said Australia captain Matthew Nielsen.

Slovenia player Uros Slokar was full of praise for the steps forward his team has made at these championships.

"At the beginning of this

national team cycle we wanted to make the quarters. Now we have made it," he said.

"We have achieved more than the previous world championships and this is the most important thing as we have made one step forward."

Portland Trailblazers' Patrick Mills and Joseph Ingle both finished with 13 points for Australia while Nielson scored 12.

Jako Lakovic ended the game as leading scorer with 19 points while Milwaukee Bucks' Primoz Brezec also chipped in with 12 points for Slovenia.

Although the second game of the day began as a close encounter, Turkey were able to build of the support of their frenzied home crowd, pulling away to win 95-77.

After a tight opening quarter, 24 points from the Turkish in the second saw them pull out to a 48-23 lead at half-time.

Like the Australians, the French could not break down the deficit in the second half, with too many turnovers damaging any realistic chances they had of fighting their way back.



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## Long ball burdens Hughes as Yanks cooled

NEW YORK -- Phil Hughes gave up three home runs as the Yankees' eight-game winning streak came to an end on Sunday in a 7-3 loss to the Blue Jays.

After an Aaron Hill double to left-center in the first, Vernon Wells launched an 0-2 fastball over the left-center-field wall. It was the second straight game Wells homered off Hughes.

Two innings later, it was Hill turning on an 0-2 cutter and depositing it beyond the reach of a leaping Brett Gardner and into the seats in left. John Buck added his own solo shot, a long blast into the netting above Monument Park just to the left of center field. That, at least, was on the first pitch, and not when Hughes was two strikes ahead.

It was the second time this season Hughes has surrendered three home runs, and both times have come against the Blue Jays. Nineteen of the 22 home runs he has served up this year have

come at Yankee Stadium. Entering Sunday, he had given up only four home runs to left or left-center. All three Toronto long balls were pulled by right-handed hitters.

Six of the seven hits Hughes allowed were for extra bases, and six of the eight Blue Jays who reached base against him eventually scored. Hughes yielded six runs in his six innings, striking out five.

Brett Cecil earned the win for Toronto, joining Felix Hernandez as the only pitchers to pick up three wins against the Yankees this season. Cecil finished 6 1/3 innings, giving up three runs on seven hits while punching out three.

Cecil has now tossed a quality start in all four outings against the Yankees this season, each of them ending with Toronto on top.

Alex Rodriguez collected two hits in his return to the lineup, including an RBI single in the seventh off Casey

## Carpenter, Holliday give Cards a boost

ST. LOUIS -- Chris Carpenter didn't need a lot of help, just a little. Matt Holliday was happy to oblige.

Holliday cranked a three-run homer off of Homer Bailey, sending the Cardinals to a 4-2 win over the Reds at Busch Stadium on Sunday. The victory secured a series win for the Cardinals and pulled them back within seven games of the Reds in the National League Central. However, with no remaining head-to-head matchups, that

hole will be an extremely difficult one for the Cards to dig out of.

If the Reds play .500 ball the rest of the way, the Cardinals would need to go 22-6 to catch them. St. Louis' best bet for the playoffs likely remains the Wild Card. They trail the Phillies by 5 1/2 games, but are only four behind Philadelphia in the loss column. The Giants also stand between the Cards and Phils in the Wild Card race.

## Nadal into last 16 at US Open



Rafael Nadal swept into the last 16 at the US Open on Sunday with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win over Gilles Simon of France as Spanish players dominated the day in the top half of the draw.

The number one seed will play Spanish compatriot Feliciano Lopez for a place in the quarter-finals. Lopez won through when opponent Sergiy Stakhovsky of Ukraine abandoned when losing 6-3, 4-0.

Seeking to complete a career Grand Slam in New York as the youngest player ever to do so, Nadal scored straight-sets wins in his first two ties but was made to work hard for them.

Simon, back to near his best after a year of problems with a knee injury, looked to a previous win over Nadal, on the Spaniard's home turf in Madrid in 2008.

Nadal opened strongly, breaking in the third game on the way to stacking up a 3-1 lead and that was all he

needed as he took the opener 6-4 in 47 minutes.

Simon held his own against the eight-time Grand Slam winner until 3-3 in the second set, but the weight of Nadal's huge forehands gradually took its toll on him and he conceded serve in the seventh game.

Again, that was all the margin needed by the Spaniard as he served out twice to take a two sets to love lead.

Nadal was now firing on all cylinders and a break of serve in the opening game of the third set doomed any realistic hopes Simon may have harboured of making an unlikely comeback.

"It was important not to lose without dropping a set. Every day I seem to play much better, which is good for my confidence," the Spaniard said.

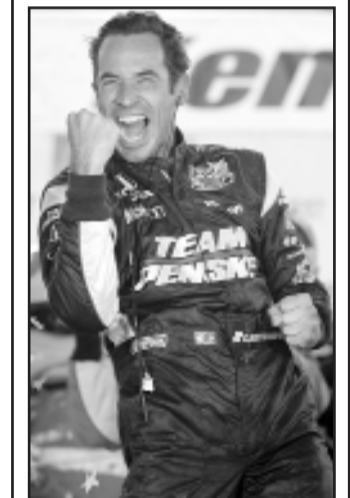
In earlier play, Spanish eight seed Verdasco blasted past Argentina's David Nalbandian 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, while Spanish 10th seed Ferrer ousted compatriot Daniel Gimeno-Traver 7-6 (7/2), 6-2, 6-2.

Those two will meet in the other semi-final in the first quarter of the draw, ensuring at least one Spanish player in the semi-finals.

Verdasco, a quarter-finalist here last year, said he had been pushed to the limit against a fit-again Nalbandian early on in their tie.

Sam Querrey, meanwhile, boosted US hopes by mastering another Spaniard, 14th seed Nicolas Almagro, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

## Castroneves wins Kentucky IndyCar



SPARTA (AFP) - Brazil's Helio Castroneves won the Indy 300 at Kentucky Speedway Saturday, his fuel-conserving strategy paying off with the 24th IndyCar win of his career.

Castroneves completed the final 53 laps of the 1.5-mile oval on one tank of fuel, capitalizing when the leaders had to make late stops for fuel.

Pole-sitter Ed Carpenter was second, followed by England's Dan Wheldon, Brazilian Tony Kannan and Scotland's Dario Franchitti.

Series points leader Will Power of Australia led 82 laps but slipped to eighth. His late-race wobble after a pit stop allowed Franchitti to draw within 17 points with two races remaining in the season.

The victory was the first for Castroneves since he triumphed in Alabama in April.

The three-time Indy 500 winner was fined 60,000 dollars after a postrace outburst in Edmonton in July, where he was penalized for blocking late in the race.

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## Day seizes PGA lead with closing birdie

BOSTON (AFP) - Australian Jason Day birdied the par-five 18th to seize the outright lead after the third round of the US PGA Deutsche Bank Championship while top-ranked Tiger Woods helped his playoff bid.

Day fired a five-under par 66 to stand on 17-under par 196 after 54 holes, one stroke better than American Brandt Snedeker, his playing partner who shared the lead with the Aussie when the day began but settled for a 66.

England's Luke Donald fired a 66 to stand third on 198, two strokes ahead of American Steve Stricker, the defending champion who fired a 67 at the 7.5 million-dollar

Australians Geoff Ogilvy and Adam Scott each fired 65s to leap into contention on 201 after 54 holes, sharing fifth with South Korean Charlie Wie and US world number two Phil Mickelson, who both fired 67s.

Woods fired a 69 to stand 10 strokes off the pace entering Monday's US Labor Day holiday final round.



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# Clijsters, Schiavone, Venus reach US Open last eight

NEW YORK (AFP) - Reigning champion Kim Clijsters rolled into the US Open quarter-finals on Sunday while third seed Venus Williams booked a date with French Open champion Francesca Schiavone to decide a semi-final spot.

Belgian second seed Clijsters needed only 59 minutes to eliminate Serbian former world number one Ana Ivanovic 6-2, 6-1 for her 18th victory in a row on the Flushing Meadows hardcourts, her 2005 and 2009 titles flanking a hiatus.

Clijsters reached her fifth US Open quarter-final and 17th career Grand Slam quarter-final by quickly adapting to breezy conditions.

"The wind, it's something you can either look at as frustrating or as something that tactically can help you maybe a little bit," she said. "Once I



**Venus in action**

was up 3-1, I felt like I was dictating really well during the points."

Italian sixth seed Schiavone ousted 20th-seeded Russian teen Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-3, 6-0 in 68 minutes, matching her

best US Open showing from 2003 in a year that also saw her win her first Slam in June on Paris clay.

"I feel better than I was at French Open," Schiavone said. "It's very special. I'm very lucky to play so well again in a tournament like this."

Williams downed Israeli 16th seed Shahr Peer 7-6 (7/3), 6-3. The seven-time Grand Slam champion and two-time US Open winner will carry a 7-0 career edge against Schiavone into their matchup.

"Her game is better than ever now," Williams said. "I'm hoping my experience will help me like it did today."

Clijsters will next face the winner of a night match between Australian fifth seed Samantha Stosur, seeking her first US Open quarter-final berth, and Russian 12th seed

Elena Dementieva.

Clijsters broke for a 3-1 edge, then exchanged breaks in the next two games before breaking the Serbian to conclude the first set in 31 minutes.

She then broke Ivanovic's first two service games of the second set for a 4-0 edge. The Serb broke back but double faulted away a break to give Clijsters a 5-1 edge and the Belgian held for the victory.

"She was playing with a lot of confidence," Clijsters said. "I knew if I could just stay with her, make her once in a while doubt a little bit (I could) get her to make the mistakes."

Clijsters convinced former world number one Ivanovic that she has what it takes to become the first back-to-back US Open women's champion since Venus Williams in 2001.

"She has a really good chance," Ivanovic said.

Schiavone used her versatility to win the last seven games and break open a tight match.

"It was just focusing on my play," Schiavone said. "It was better because I have spin and Pavlyuchenkova couldn't play so good her backhand, so I tried to play at the best with my rotation than other things."

Peer and Williams exchanged breaks in four consecutive games before the American held for a 5-4 lead in the first set.

In a marathon 12th game, Williams and Peer each missed on five game points before Peer held on a forehand winner to force the tiebreaker, where Williams grabbed a 5-1 advantage on the way to claiming the hard-fought set.

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